Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government do not think that such instructions are necessary.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Was it with a purpose that they went there?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Surely.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Police Officers in uniform attending meetings in such rural areas will have detrimental effect on the public who wish to attend such meetings.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The fear of uniform would scare away the audience.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government do not think that the uniform scares away anybody.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether there was an order that Policemen should attend such meetings?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Whether the Police Officer attended a committee meeting conducted in a private house.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to order that Police Officers should not try to attend meetings held in private houses?

Mr. President: Order, order. This question has reference to public meetings.

HOLDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS—PREMISSION FOR

8. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan** *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many applications were received by authorities in 1119 and 1120 for permission for the holding of public meetings;

(*b*) who were the applicants for permission;

(*c*) how many of such meetings were of a political nature;

(*d*) how many applications were rejected;

(*e*) what were the grounds for their rejection;

(*f*) how many of the sanctioned meetings were of a political character?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 269 in 1119 and
230 in 1120.

(*b*) The Government do not consider it expedient to publish the names of all the applicants.

(*c*) 12 in 1119 and
6 in 1120.

(*d*) 13 in 1119 and
6 in 1120.

(*e*) Due to apprehension of breach of peace if the meeting was held or for security reasons.

(*f*) Nil.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* May I know if I can infer that no political meetings at all was allowed to be conducted in this State during these years?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. It might be so.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Among the applicants for holding public meetings there was one Deseeya Mahila Samajam of Elangunnapuzha. Was the Samajam given permission?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* May I know whether the Government think that such meetings by Mahila Samajams will endanger public peace?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* This is all proving into some past events. The ban has already been lifted.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM IN THE STATE

9. **Mr. M. K. Raja** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what progress has been made about the proposal to establish an Archaeological Museum in the State;

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